

REMARKS

A notice of non-responsive amendment was mailed on April 7, 2004. In such action the Examiner indicated that the status of "not entered" for Claims 9 and 10 in the response filed January 13, 2004 was confusing and should be corrected. The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended in telephone message left on April 13, 2004, in which the status of the claims was clarified. In accordance with the Examiner's message, claims 9 and 10 now have the status identifier of "previously presented," and the text of the claims is as presented in accordance with the amendment of October 10, 2003.

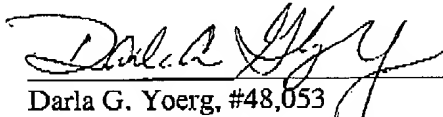
As it is believed that claims 88-96, newly presented in the response filed January 13, 2004 and deemed non-responsive, have not been entered, the status identifier of these claims is listed as "new."

If it would be helpful to obtain favorable consideration of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call and discuss this case with the undersigned.

No fee is believed due with this submission; however, the undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees created by the filing of this document or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to be charged to deposit account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,

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